

MINUTES

STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)

September 18, 2008

Meeting No. 64

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Stanley, William Zimmerman, Lori Jones Woods, John Wallace, John Bordenave, Linda Morales, John Parker, E. Linwood Smith, Larry Roberts, Bob Smolinsky

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Blau, Jesse W. Laurie, Thomas J. Porter, John Wise

OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Rahn, Lydia Quintero, Yash Desai, Jim Vogelsberg, Ann Audrey, Rick Schonfeld, Anselmo Alleva, Ernie Duarte

AGENDA ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:33 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 2 - INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the SAC introduced themselves.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF SAC MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2008

Lori Jones Woods moved to accept the minutes of August 12, 2008 as submitted. Bill Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – EL RIO HEALTH CENTER – WASH DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Mr. Rick Shonfeld gave a presentation and passed out an aerial map of the proposed site for the El Rio Health Center outpatient medical service campus. The SAC reviewed the request, asked questions, and discussed the application.

Members of the Stormwater Advisory Committee requested that the following items be addressed:

- a) Add a note regarding the responsibility for landscape maintenance
- b) Include in the note that evasive species including Buffelgrass must be controlled
- c) Use seed mix in the area between the building and paved path
- d) Change the species of mesquite used to a native mesquite

After some discussion, Lori Jones Woods moved that the application be approved with the recommended revisions. Linda Morales seconded the motion. The motion passed 8 to 0 with one recusal from John Wallace.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – EXISTING WATER HARVESTING REQUIREMENTS

Ann Audrey gave a presentation on existing water harvesting requirements. The Land Use Code was established in the 1990's and stated that developers should make maximum use of stormwater runoff. The Stormwater Harvesting Guidance Manual was completed in 2005, giving a development standard is needed at the present time to aid in the implementation of water harvesting features.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – PROPOSED WATER HARVESTING ORDINANCE

Ernie Duarte, Director of Development Services, gave an overview of the proposed Water Harvesting Ordinance presently before the Mayor and Council for their October 14th meeting. Mr. Duarte stated that any development done before June 1, 2010 would be grandfathered in without requiring adherence to the Ordinance. A Stakeholders' Group is presently working on the draft ordinance with a Technical Advisory Group made up of architects, engineers, hydrologists and landscapers. The Development Standard will be created before the adoption of the Water Harvesting Ordinance.

Members of the SAC asked if the Development Standards could be sent to the Chair as soon as they have been completed.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – CLEAR WATER SCOUR ISSUES DISCUSSION (CONTINUED)

This item was held over until the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – RESOURCE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The committee has started working on the new Water Harvesting Ordinance and is setting goals and objectives. They are also revisiting the ERZ and WASH Ordinances.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

Member/Ward Updates – John Bordenave handed out his Ward I report which included an article about the water harvesting efforts Highland Vista Park north of the Arcadia Wash. In a section where water collects and breeds insects, a project funded by the County's Neighborhood Reinvestment Program has turned the area into an educational garden with native Sonoran Desert vegetation.

Staff announced that the Stormwater Management Section has received the "Exceptional Merit Award" from the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA) for its middle school book *Stormwater in the Desert* and accompanying website.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next SAC meeting is set for Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Transit Conference Room, 149 N. Stone Avenue, 2nd Floor.

Marjorie Blaine of the Army Corps of Engineers will discuss 404 permitting.

Members of the SAC requested further discussion of the Watercourse Maintenance Guidelines.

AGENDA ITEM 12 – ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m. on a motion by Lori Jones Woods, seconded by E. Linwood Smith.